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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responding to the office action under mailing date December 15, 2004, wherein a restriction was imposed as between claims 1-4 (Species I) and claim 6-10 (Species II), the applicant, by his undersigned attorney, hereby elects with traverse to proceed in this application with claims 1-4. The restriction requirement should be withdrawn because Species I and Species II are not patentably distinct. Evidence that they are not patentably distinct is the following proposed new claim 11, that is generic to all of claims 1-10:

A New, Generic Claim

11. A portable device for hoisting and skinning a four-legged game carcass, comprising:

means to form a rigid frame, said frame including at least two upright members and a cross beam attached to upper ends of said upright members;

a winch mounted on an upright member and equipped with a barrel sufficiently wide to accommodate two cables in side-by-side relation and a handle for rotating said barrel;